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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, JA, TQ

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: SERVICE TO SAIPAN

REF: TOKYO 18068

1. JAPANESE ECONOMIC MINISTER FUKADA CALLED ON EA DEP. ASST. SECRETARY EDMOND DECEMBER 23 TO INQUIRE ABOUT STATUS OF CASE AND TO RECONFIRM GOJ POSITION PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED ON SEPTEMBER 16. COBB (EB/OA) AND SMITH (EA/J) SAT IN. JAPANESE WERE INFORMED THAT DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO CAB FROM STATE AND DOT IS JANUARY 16. AFTER SUBMISSIONS CARRIERS WOULD HAVE 30 DAYS TO COMMENT. STATE DEPT SUBMISSION REFLECTING VIEWS OF GOJ NOW UNDER PREPARATION.

2. FUKADA STATED THAT EMBASSY HAD DISSUADED FOREIGN MINISTRY FROM IDEA OF PRESENTING SECOND NOTE ON CASE TO USG ON GROUND THAT GOJ POSITION HAD NOT CHANGED. HE SAID THAT ONLY NEW ELEMENT IN CASE SINCE SEPTEMBER WAS APPROACH TO GOJ BY CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. GOJ DID NOT WISH TO GIVE IMPRESSION OF DISREGARDING VIEWS OF COM OR OF INTERFERING IN MICRONESIAN AFFAIRS. HOWEVER, SINCE IT REGARDED CASE AS CONFIDENTIAL

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PRIMARILY A CIVIL AVIATION PROBLEM, JAPAN CONTINUED TO TAKE

POSITION OPPOSING AWARD OF SAIPAN/TOKYO ROUTE TO CARRIER
NOT ESTABLISHED IN JAPAN. REFERRING TO FUJII DISCUSSION
WITH EMBASSY REPORTED REFTEL, FUKADA EXPRESSED HOPE THAT
NO IMPRESSION HAD BEEN GIVEN THAT CHANGE OF POSITION HAD
OCCURRED. EDMOND RESPONDED THAT RECORD WOULD INDICATE THAT
GOJ ORALLY RECONFIRMED VIEWS PRESENTED IN SEPTEMBER NOTE
AS OF CURRENT DATE. KISSINGER

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